Church of the Nativity

MASSES
Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:30 AM and 05:00 PM
Saturdays 08:00 AM and 05:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 07:30 AM and 05:30 PM
Holy Days 07:30 AM, 05:30 and 07:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Opus Dei priest)
03:30 PM - 04:30 PM (parish priest)
(also by appointment)

BAPTISMS 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month
(contact rectory 2 months in advance)

WEDDINGS Saturdays 11:00 AM and 02:00 PM
(contact rectory at least 6 months in advance)

PASTOR
Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

PAROCHIAL VICAR
Rev. Patrick J. Driscoll

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Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso
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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso • (650) 269-7794
FIRST READING
My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

ISAIAH 50: 1, 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

PSALMS 22

SECOND READING
He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11

GOSPEL
He did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed

MATTHEW 26: 14-27: 66

IMPORTANT!
Please read about schedule changes on the back page of the bulletin.

Please continue to check our website (www.nativitymenlo.org) for the latest updates to the Holy Week schedule.

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS
WEEK OF 05 - 11 APR

Mass intentions will be remembered at the private Masses that Msgr. Otellini and Fr. Driscoll will be offering each day.

SAT 05:00 PM  Priest’s intentions
SUN Masses  Priest’s intentions
MON 07:30 AM  Carmelita Lenz; Bern Hussey; Magdolna Erdely; Bob Dehn
05:30 PM  Kathleen Hahn; Claudio Corradetti
TUE 07:30 AM  The Kiely and Felix families
05:30 PM  Keith and Lynn Virnoche
WED 07:30 AM  Holy Thursday
05:30 PM  Good Friday
THU 05:00 PM  Holy Saturday
FRI
SAT

These activities may be suspended based on COVID-19 restrictions.

05 APR  (Sunday)
06 APR  (Monday) 07:10 PM  Morning Hour for Priests
06:15 AM  Morning Prayer
07 APR  (Tuesday) 07:00 AM  Evening Prayer
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08 APR  (Wednesday) 06:00 PM  Perpetual Help Novena
09 APR  (Thursday) 07:40 AM  Men’s Prayer Group
10 APR  (Friday) 06:00 PM  Novena to Saint Joseph
11 APR  (Saturday)

Palm Sunday of Our Lord’s Passion
05 April 2020

While they were eating, He said, “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”

MATTHEW 26: 21

Blessed palms will be available at the entrance to the church on Palm Sunday (05 APR 2020)

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at 415/614-5506.
You have never strayed too far for the Father’s forgiveness and grace.

Ministry & Group News

SPECIAL COLLECTION
This weekend there would normally be a special collection for Nativity’s Altar Society. This collection will be used for Holy Week and Easter. Thank you for your continued support of our Altar Society. Checks for all special collections should be made out to Church of the Nativity. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: Altar Society.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Nativity Church is open 24/7. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and there is always someone present in prayer. Won’t you join us by signing up for a weekly Holy Hour? When you sign up, you and your intentions share in the grace of everyone who comes to visit. Experience the dramatic presence of God in our lives. Please consider the following hours as there is no one currently assigned to them (or pick an hour that works for you):

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Thank you in advance for your generosity. The God who is not outdone in generosity will certainly bless you and your intentions. Call Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794) to sign up.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008), the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191), or San Juan Diego Centro por la Vida at St. Francis (650/322-2152).

NATIVITY MIXER
The Nativity Mixer will resume on the third Wednesday of the month as soon as possible. Please check the Nativity website for the latest updates.

For anyone wanting to meet and talk with new people, join us for conversation and a no-host happy hour and/or dinner. Meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 06:00-09:00 PM. at Celia’s Mexican Restaurant (1850 El Camino Real, Menlo Park). Invite your friends; open to everyone. Drop-ins are welcome. Send questions and requests to be added to the email list to NativityMixer@yahoo.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS
This new year, make a resolution to make your marriage the best it can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include 15-17 MAY 2020 in San Jose. For complete information, visit www.sanjosewwme.org. For applications, use the e-mail applications@sanjosewwme.org. For more information contact Ken and Claranne at 408/782-1413.

PRAY THE ROSARY
Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. “I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day.”

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima 13 October 1917

- www.theholyrosary.org
- www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm
- www.savior.org/wwrc

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**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Please keep all of our newest members in your prayers, as well as those who have preceded us to the Father.

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**BAPTISMS**

**MARRIAGES**

**PARISHIONERS**

**DEATHS**

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**THE BEST OF TIMES, THE WORST OF TIMES**

Probably the most famous and most memorable opening lines to any novel are those by Charles Dickens in his "A Tale of Two Cities". These words come to me as I think of our present situation in facing the Corona Virus. The ambiguity of the sentiments, I believe, speaks to the way we can react to the challenges facing us in this most unexpected, and serious global issue.

It is very easy to enunciate the "worst":

- The virus itself and the havoc it has brought with illness and death
- The enforced isolation of quarantine and sheltering in place
- The interruption to our normal routines of work and school
- The social, financial and material consequences of behavioral modification
- The spiritual deprivations of the sacraments and regular prayer life

All these being said, and patently obvious to us all, I believe we need to turn our focus to those “best” things that emerge from the crisis. First and foremost, there is the generosity and heroism of people seeking to help other. We think of medical professionals in the frontline of the epidemic, and, also, first responders who are having great demands placed upon them. I think of the tremendous efforts quickly initiated by our faculty and staff at Nativity School. In a short period of time they were asked to develop and implement a remote learning environment. New demands were placed on them, as well as parents to "re-form" a pedagogical system we never had a chance to practice.

We all have radically adapted our lives to a new rhythm. Life is less hectic; commuting is practically gone; things are simply quieter! How much less of train horns and airplanes do we hear? We find ourselves sifting out non-essential and focusing on the real necessities. Families are brought together in an unhurried pace. I am struck by the constancy and number of people who, practicing social distancing, are coming to Nativity Church to sit in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

While we still face uncertainty as to what will happen with Holy Week and Easter, I encourage all of us to spend the self-imposed discipline of Lent, now over-laid with the imposed discipline of the epidemic, striving to advance ourselves spiritually by accepting the challenges of the present as opportunities to grow in virtue.

Some parishioners have joined regularly in reciting the Rosary at 1pm; some are watching daily Mass as it is available on TV, or our website. We were able to offer successfully the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday to many people in a safe way. To the extent possible, we will continue these things and expand them. I bring your attention to a serious fact that we face as a parish community with a significant loss of revenue because of no Sunday Mass. About a third of our parishioners have switched to online giving. For those of you who have not, I would prayerfully ask that you consider continuing your donations to the parish. As we all know, bills and financial obligations do not stop in a quarantine.

Please know that you are all in my prayers. It was truly heartbreaking not to be able to celebrate Mass for you this past Sunday, and the days during the week. Such a vacuum in our lives should only highlight for us the great benefit and gift we have in the Eucharist.

_Msgr. Steven Otellini_
Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For April 2020, the Holy Father’s intention is:

**Intention:** Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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**THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

- During Bach’s day, the organ and choirs were silent during Lent.
- St. Leonard Casanova (1676-1751) of Porto Maurizio, Italy, reportedly erected over 600 sets of the Stations of the Cross throughout Italy.
- In the early 3rd century, Lent was lengthened to 6 days. About 800 AD it was changed to 40 days. Those 40 days correspond with Christ’s 40 days in the wilderness.

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Please continue to check our website (www.nativitymenlo.org) for the latest updates to the Holy Week schedule.

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**LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES**

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**CALENDAR OF NOVENAE**

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**FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS**


**OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS**

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour): www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT


Novena for Priests: www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

In 1342, the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land. The faithful received indulgences for praying at the following stations: At Pilate’s house, where Christ met His mother, where He spoke to the women, where He met Simon of Cyrene, where the soldiers stripped Him of His garments, where He was nailed to the cross, and at His tomb.

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When the Moslem Turks blocked the access to the Holy Land, reproductions of the Stations of the Cross were erected at popular spiritual centers, including the Dominican Friary at Cordova and Poor Clare Convent of Messina (early 1400s); Nuremberg (1468); Louvain (1505); Bamberg, Fribourg and Rhodes (1507); and Antwerp (1520). Many of these stations were reproduced by renowned artists and are considered masterpieces today.
We have a recorded stream of daily Mass at Nativity available on our website (www.nativitymenlo.org).

**EWTN (DAILY)**
During this time, especially during the Lenten season, we wanted to remind you that EWTN broadcasts the daily Mass live at 08:00 AM Eastern from Our Lady of the Angels Chapel on the EWTN campus in Irondale, Alabama. You can watch live on TV or online via streaming at www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live.

You can also listen to the Mass live on the radio, SIRIUS/XM, or listen online at www.ewtn.com/radio/listen-live.

**KTSF AND KOFY (SUNDAY MASS)**
Each Sunday a Catholic TV Mass is aired on a number of TV channels throughout the Bay Area, offered by Msgr. Harry Schlitt and Fr. Dave Ghiorso. The Catholic TV Mass focuses on our Catholic community for those who are homebound, residing in assisted living, hospitalized or imprisoned and unable to attend Mass in their parish church.

You may find these Masses in the Archdiocese of San Francisco area each Sunday on KTSF at 06:00 AM or KOFY at 06:00 AM, or online any time at www.fatherharry.org.

**RELEVANT RADIO (DAILY)**
Beginning Sunday, 15 MAR 2020, I will celebrate special Masses for you each day at 01:00 PM ET / 10:00 AM PT. These Masses will be broadcast live on your local station, on the Relevant Radio® app, at www.relevantradio.com, and on my Father Rocky Facebook page so you can tune in from wherever you are. The Mass will be rebroadcast each evening at 08:30 PM ET / 05:30 PM PT on your local station.

**OTHER VENUES**
Many other individual parishes are now recording or live-streaming the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, either the Sunday liturgy or even the daily Mass. For example:

- The Vatican has recorded the daily Masses celebrated by Pope Francis at the Casa Santa Marta (w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)
- The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. has a recorded stream of Sunday Mass (www.nationalshrine.org/mass)
- Our Lady of Peace has a recorded stream of daily Masses, a Holy Hour and the Divine Mercy Chaplet (www.olop-shrine.org)
- The Carmel Mission Basilica has a recorded stream of Sunday Mass (www.carmelmission.org)

**SCHEDULE CHANGES: PLEASE READ**
Pursuant to the latest orders from the California Department of Public Health (effective from 17 MAR 2020), the following schedule changes are in effect until further notice:
- No daily Masses
- No Sunday Masses
- No Saturday vigil Masses
- No funerals
- Saturday confessions: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the church and O’Hare Center, 03:00-04:30 PM in the church

Eucharistic Adoration will continue, and the church will remain open.
Weddings and Baptisms will continue as currently scheduled.

You are encouraged to call the parish office with your questions (650/323-7914) and continue to check the parish website for updates (www.nativitymenlo.org).

**ONLINE MASS RESOURCES**

**BE STEADFAST IN FAITH**
Devotion to the Fourteen Holy Helpers began in the Rhineland as early as the 14th century. These 14 saints were invoked for protection against illness and sudden death, particularly during the epidemic we know as the Black Death. Each “helper” has his/her own feast day, but they are collectively celebrated on 08 AUG. The Fourteen Holy Helpers are Achatus (headache), Barbara (fever and sudden death), Blaise (throat), Catherine of Alexandria (sudden death), Christopher (bubonic plague), Cyriacus (temptation upon the deathbed), Denis (headache), Erasmus (intestinal ailments), Eustachius (family discord), George (health of animals), Giles (plague), Margaret of Antioch (child-birth), Pantaleon (physicians), and Vitus (epilepsy).

The rector of the National Shrine is specifically invoking the 14 Holy Helpers against the pandemic.

**PRAYER VS PANDEMIC**

Join Relevant Radio in a movement to have the world daily pray against the pandemic. https://praytogether.relevantradio.com

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:35, 37-39